

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA
WESTERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DOUGLAS EUGENE HARMS,

Defendant.

No. CR07-4012-MWB

**ORDER REGARDING
MAGISTRATE'S REPORT AND
RECOMMENDATION
CONCERNING DEFENDANT'S
GUILTY PLEA**

I. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

On March 22, 2007, an indictment was returned against defendant Douglas Eugene Harms, charging him with conspiracy to manufacture and distribute 50 grams or more of pure methamphetamine, to distribute methamphetamine, to distribute pseudoephedrine knowing and having reasonable cause to believe that the pseudoephedrine would be used to manufacture methamphetamine, to possess pseudoephedrine with intent to manufacture methamphetamine, and to possess pseudoephedrine knowing and having reasonable cause to believe that the pseudoephedrine would be used to manufacture methamphetamine, after having previously being convicted of a felony drug offense, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(A), 841(c)(1), 841(c)(2), 846, and 851, manufacturing and attempting to manufacture 5 grams or more of pure methamphetamine, after having previously been convicted of a felony drug offense, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(B), 846, and 851, possessing pseudoephedrine with intent to manufacture methamphetamine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(c)(1), possessing pseudoephedrine knowing and having reasonable cause to believe that the pseudoephedrine would be used to manufacture methamphetamine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(c)(2), and

manufacturing and attempting to manufacture methamphetamine, after having previously been convicted of a felony drug offense, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(C), 846, and 851. On October 29, 2007, defendant appeared before Chief United States Magistrate Judge Paul A. Zoss and entered a plea of guilty to Counts 1 and 6 of the superseding indictment. On this same date, Judge Zoss filed a Report and Recommendation in which he recommends that defendant's guilty plea be accepted. No objections to Judge Zoss's Report and Recommendation were filed. The court, therefore, undertakes the necessary review of Judge Zoss's recommendation to accept defendant's plea in this case.

II. ANALYSIS

Pursuant to statute, this court's standard of review for a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation is as follows:

A judge of the court shall make a de novo determination of those portions of the report or specified proposed findings or recommendations to which objection is made. A judge of the court may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the findings or recommendations made by the magistrate [judge].

28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). Similarly, Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 72(b) provides for review of a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation on dispositive motions and prisoner petitions, where objections are made, as follows:

The district judge to whom the case is assigned shall make a de novo determination upon the record, or after additional evidence, of any portion of the magistrate judge's disposition to which specific written objection has been made in accordance with this rule. The district judge may accept, reject, or modify the recommended decision, receive further

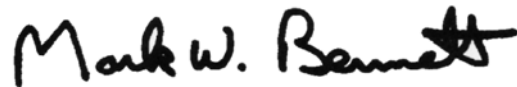
evidence, or recommit the matter to the magistrate judge with instructions.

FED. R. CIV. P. 72(b).

In this case, no objections have been filed, and it appears to the court upon review of Judge Zoss's findings and conclusions, that there is no ground to reject or modify them. Therefore, the court **accepts** Judge Zoss's Report and Recommendation of October 29, 2007, and accepts defendant's plea of guilty in this case to Counts 1 and 6 of the superseding indictment.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 14th day of November, 2007.

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MARK W. BENNETT
U. S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA